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1. AT MEETING JULY 15 HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS (HRC) COMITE CONSIDERED REPORT OF WORKING GROUP (WG) RE INDEBTEDNESS OF MISSIONS (DOC A/AC.154/83, PARAS 9 AND 10). IRAQ PROPOSED THAT PROBLEM BE CONSIDERED BY EXISTING WG, RATHER THAN NEW SUBCOMITE. US REP (AMB WHITE) AGREED TO IRAQI SUGGESTION.

2. AT HCR COMITE MEETING AUG 8, AMB WHITE PROPOSED THAT COMITE ADOPT DECISION (A/AC.154/89) IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT WG RECOMMENDATIONS, AS MODIFIED BY IRAQI SUGGESTION. IRAQ, SUPPORTED BY SOV DEL, INSISTED THAT IF WG TO CONSIDER QUESTION AT ALL, IT WOULD CONSIDER ONLY GENERAL PROBLEM OF INDEBTEDNESS, BUT NO RPT NO SPECIFIC CASES. TANZANIA, AND TO LESSER EXTENT UK, CANADA AND CHAIRMAN BARISH (COSTA RICA) SUPPORTED US APPROACH.

3. FINALLY AT HCR COMITE MTG AUG 13 (AFTER LENGTHY INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS) USSR PROPOSED, AND COMITE UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCEPTED, FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

"COMITE DECIDES THAT WG SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER, UNDER ITEM 'OBLIGATIONS OF PERMANENT MISSIONS TO UN AND INDIVIDUALS PROTECTED BY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY', QUESTION OF INDEBTEDNESS OF INDIVIDUAL DIPLOMATS OR MISSIONS FOR GOODS SOLD AND SPECIFIC SERVICES RENDERED, WITH VIEW TO ASSIST IN FACILITATING SOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION."

4. US DEL (ROSENSTOCK) SPECIFIED AT SAME MEG THAT US ACCEPTANCE WAS SUBJECT TO TWO UNDERSTANDINGS: (A) THAT WG COULD CONSIDER SPECIFIC CASES AND (B) THAT PHRASE RE GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDES ONLY TAXES AND FINES IMPOSED BY GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES. NO ONE REJECTED THESE UNDERSTANDINGS. FRANCE, UK, TANZANIA AND CANADA EXPRESSLY ACCEPTED THEM AND IRAQ AND USSR SAID THEY DID NOT OBJECT TO DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC CASES SO LONG AS IT IN CONTEXT OF GENERAL PROBLEM.

5. WITH THIS DECISION, WE HAVE CONCLUDED AGENDA OF HCR COMITE AND WILL BEGIN WORK OF APPROVING DRAFT REPORT. NEXT MTG SCHEDULED FOR AUG 18.  
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